

(b) **ELIGIBLE OFFICERS.**—An officer referred to in subsection (a) is an officer in a health care profession who is qualified in a specialty designated by regulations as a critically short war-time specialty.

(c) **TIME FOR PAYMENT.**—Special pay under this section shall be paid annually at the beginning of each twelve-month period for which the officer has agreed to serve.

(d) **REFUND REQUIREMENT.**—An officer who voluntarily terminates service in the Selected Reserve of an armed force before the end of the period for which a payment was made to such officer under this section shall refund to the United States the full amount of the payment made for the period on which the payment was based.

(e) **INAPPLICABILITY OF DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY.**—A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person receiving special pay under the agreement from the debt arising under the agreement.

(f) **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT AUTHORITY.**—No agreement under this section may be entered into after December 31, 2005.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 614(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 360; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2543; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1785; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2038; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 621(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-151; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1135; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2567; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1501; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1947.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VI, § 613, Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1981, as amended, which was set out as a note under section 302 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-106, § 614(c)(1).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “December 31, 2005” for “December 31, 2004”.

2003—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “December 31, 2004” for “December 31, 2003”.

2002—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

2001—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “December 31, 2002” for “December 31, 2001”.

2000—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “December 31, 2001” for “December 31, 2000”.

1999—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “December 31, 2000” for “December 31, 1999”.

1998—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “December 31, 1999” for “September 30, 1999”.

1997—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “September 30, 1999” for “September 30, 1998”.

1996—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “September 30, 1998” for “September 30, 1997”.

§ 302h. Special pay: accession bonus for dental officers

(a) **ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.**—(1) A person who is a graduate of an accredited dental

school and who, during the period beginning on September 23, 1996, and ending on December 31, 2005, executes a written agreement described in subsection (c) to accept a commission as an officer of the armed forces and remain on active duty for a period of not less than four years may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) The amount of an accession bonus under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$30,000.

(b) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.**—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

(1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a course of study in dentistry; or

(2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain certified and licensed as a dentist.

(c) **AGREEMENT.**—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the armed service concerned, the person executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of the Dental Corps of the Army or the Navy or an officer of the Air Force designated as a dental officer.

(d) **REPAYMENT.**—(1) An officer who receives a payment under subsection (a) and who fails to become and remain certified or licensed as a dentist during the period for which the payment is made shall refund to the United States an amount equal to the full amount of such payment.

(2) An officer who voluntarily terminates service on active duty before the end of the period agreed to be served under subsection (a) shall refund to the United States an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount paid to the officer as the unserved part of such period bears to the total period agreed to be served.

(3) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under paragraph (1) or (2) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

(4) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person signing such agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or this subsection. This paragraph applies to any case commenced under title 11 after the date of the enactment of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 615(c)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2545; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, § 618, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1137; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, § 612(f), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2568; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 612(f), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1501; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, § 612(f), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1947.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (d)(4), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 104-201, which was approved Sept. 23, 1996.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “December 31, 2005” for “December 31, 2004”.

2003—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “December 31, 2004” for “December 31, 2003”.

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “September 23, 1996, and ending on December 31, 2002” for “the date of the enactment of this section, and ending on September 30, 2002”.

§ 302i. Special pay: pharmacy officers

(a) ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE PHARMACY OFFICERS.—Under regulations prescribed pursuant to section 303a of this title, the Secretary of the military department concerned may, subject to subsection (c), pay retention special pay under this section to an officer who—

(1) is a pharmacy officer in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy or the Biomedical Sciences Corps of the Air Force; and

(2) is on active duty under a call or order to active duty for a period of not less than one year.

(b) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of Health and Human Services may pay retention special pay under this section to an officer who—

(1) is an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service and is designated as a pharmacy officer; and

(2) is on active duty under a call or order to active duty for a period of not less than one year.

(c) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL PAY.—Special pay may not be paid under this section to an officer serving in a pay grade above pay grade O-6.

(d) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF SPECIAL PAY.—The amount of retention special pay paid to an officer under this section may not exceed \$15,000 for any 12-month period.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title VI, §628(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-154; amended Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §615(g), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2569.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 107-314, §615(g)(1), substituted “retention special pay under this section” for “special pay at the rates specified in subsection (d)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-314, §615(g)(2), inserted “ON ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL PAY” after “LIMITATION” in heading.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-314, §615(g)(3), added subsec. (d) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “The rate of special pay paid to an officer under subsection (a) or (b) is as follows:

“(1) \$3,000 per year, if the officer is undergoing pharmacy internship training or has less than 3 years of creditable service.

“(2) \$7,000 per year, if the officer has at least 3 but less than 6 years of creditable service and is not undergoing pharmacy internship training.

“(3) \$7,000 per year, if the officer has at least 6 but less than 8 years of creditable service.

“(4) \$12,000 per year, if the officer has at least 8 but less than 12 years of creditable service.

“(5) \$10,000 per year, if the officer has at least 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service.

“(6) \$9,000 per year, if the officer has at least 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service.

“(7) \$8,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or more years of creditable service.”

APPLICATION OF INCREASE

In case of amendment by section 615 of Pub. L. 107-314 to increase maximum amount of special pay or bonus that may be paid during any 12-month period, the amended limitation is applicable to 12-month periods beginning after Sept. 30, 2002, see section 615(i) of Pub. L. 107-314, set out as a note under section 301d of this title.

§ 302j. Special pay: accession bonus for pharmacy officers

(a) ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.—A person who is a graduate of an accredited pharmacy school and who, during the period beginning on October 30, 2000, and ending on December 31, 2005, executes a written agreement described in subsection (d) to accept a commission as an officer of a uniformed service and remain on active duty for a period of not less than 4 years may, upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONUS.—The amount of an accession bonus under subsection (a) may not exceed \$30,000.

(c) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

(1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as a warrant or commissioned officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense or the Department of Health and Human Services to pursue a course of study in pharmacy; or

(2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain licensed as a pharmacist.

(d) AGREEMENT.—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the uniformed service concerned, the person executing the agreement shall be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as a pharmacy officer in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy, a biomedical sciences officer in the Air Force designated as a pharmacy officer, or a pharmacy officer of the Public Health Service.

(e) REPAYMENT.—(1) An officer who receives a payment under subsection (a) and who fails to become and remain licensed as a pharmacist during the period for which the payment is made shall refund to the United States an amount equal to the full amount of such payment.

(2) An officer who voluntarily terminates service on active duty before the end of the period agreed to be served under subsection (a) shall refund to the United States an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount paid to the officer as the unserved part of such period bears to the total period agreed to be served.

(3) An obligation to reimburse the United States under paragraph (1) or (2) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.